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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, between Lines 2 and 3, after "July 28, 1997" insert ~~now U.S. Patent~~

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No. 6,030,845--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice Claim 10.

*A*n Claim 8, Line 4, delete "specifically reacting with" and insert --specific for--;

*L*ine 5, delete "have been" and insert --are--; and

*L*ine 7, delete "substantially".